

DEATH CERTIFICATE

DRAWER 15

DEATH

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The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln's Death Certificate

Excerpts from newspapers and other
sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

W. S. THOMPSON, PHARMACEUTIST,

Corr. 15th Street New York A.M. When the scalp was removed we found that the ball had passed the occipital bone

... one inch to the left of median line

Shot .1 inch left median line and had

traversed the upper edge of the left lateral

traversing left lateral sinus

sinus a little to the left

then occipital bone

touched edge of right sinus

L lambdoid suture
& lambdoid suture

Struck posterior lobe

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traversing it passing forward to the
nearly horizontal plane to the

about 8 to 9 inches in the track

right : In orifice of wound, a second and
within the orifice of the wound the first 2 pieces

2 in. in track a piece of bone - 2nd piece
larger fragment of bone was discovered - 1st piece

of bone almost 4 inches in advance
further forward, about four inches within the orifice...

in track of ball - entered the
left ventricle, behind followed the

entered the left ventricle, behind followed the

course of ventricle accurately inclining

upwards & inwards - through the

upper part of the thalamus. never option

upper parts of the thalamus, nervi opticus

and lodged in the white cerebral substance just

lodging in cerebral matter, just

above the corpus striatum in the belly the brain

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size of the ball - the track brain of left

side - On rear of the track brain of left

ball was in a pulpy disintegrated state

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state

Note Autopsy Pest Control

Brush April 14th /65

Fred

Key: I below hand writing interpretation.
II above hand writing related phrases
and words from Autopsy Report by
Robert King Stone MD

W. S. THOMPSON, PHARMACEUTIST,
Corner 15th Street and New York Avenue.

... there was great edema about the wound and some
extravasation of blood.
~~Great elevation of skin~~ ~~the ball~~
Great oedema of skin & a little
~~Hole~~ ~~extravasated~~ ~~about~~ ~~SHOT~~
orifice was of clean cut opening ~~and appeared~~
~~Wound~~ ~~Orbital Cut~~; as if by a
as if it had ~~been~~ ~~but~~ ~~Orbital plates, very thin~~
punch ~~been~~ 1/2 int. dia. orbital plates very thin?)
been cut through the bone, with a
sharp punch.

Courtesy New York State Historical Association
Cooperstown New York
Mr Paul Z DuBois Librarian

both ventricles filled with blood.
Whole brain engorged & bloody
parts, more rounded than usual
pointed, more marked than usual
on removing the Dura Mater...
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was displaced a large amount
of blood - lying upon the right
hemisphere of the Brain -
hemisphere of Brain.
Removing Dura Mater, no wound
remained uninjured (in which we found
The orbital plates of both orbits were the
orbital plates of the latter, the
orbital plates fracture, the
rest of bone round the fracture - the
seats of comminuted forced from
being forced from within outward
The orbit contains palpebral (eyelid)
ocular palpebral membrane (eyelid)
& cavity were filled with blood
which we didn't see
The right eye had lost its protraction as heretofore
described & again fell back
truded & after sank back
to its usual position.
after death 1^D Ecchymosis
of Left Eye 1^D & R eye 2^D 7 degree



17 East Chestnut Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mark,

Your right, there wasn't a Lincoln
death certificate, but the enclosed
evidently served as same for the
estate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph G. Newman".

The original is in Springfield.

RALPH G. NEWMAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

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State of Illinois, }
Sangamon County.)

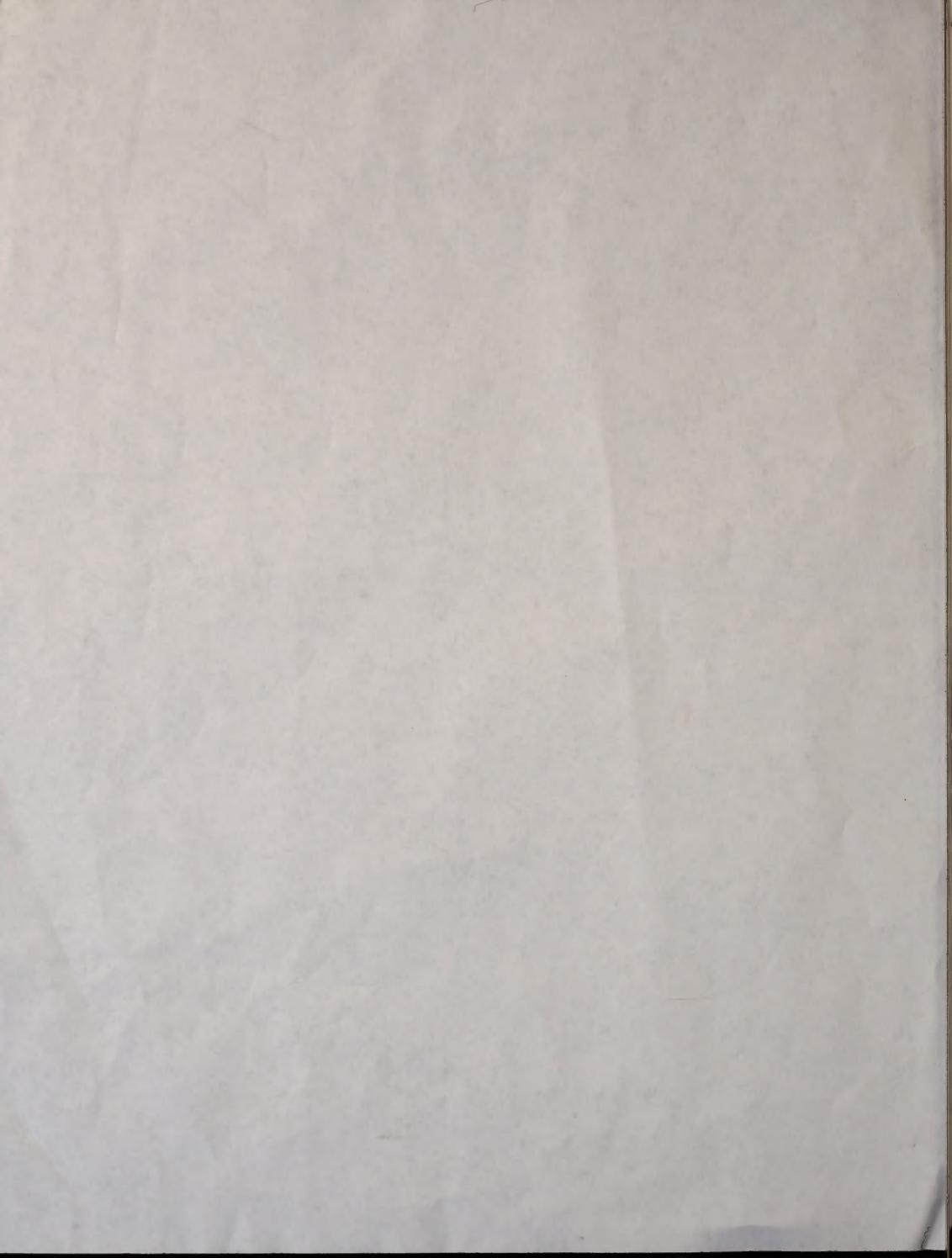
David Davis being duly sworn
deposes and says that Abraham Lincoln
late of the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, is dead, and that he died on or
about the 14th day of April A. D. 1865,
at Springfield as it is said

and that his Personal Estate will probably amount to the sum of \$ 85,000;
that said Abraham Lincoln left at the time of his decease,
Mary Lincoln his widow, and
Robert T. Lincoln and
Thomas Lincoln.

his children.

David Davis
Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 14th day of April A. D. 1865. }

Attala County Clark.



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